

**IN THE ABSTRACT**

**Please replace the Abstract with the following:**

Hingedly connected articulating mower decks includes a first mower deck having a first mower frame member defining a first frame hole with a first axis; a second mower deck having a second mower frame member defining a second frame hole with a second axis; a first bushing having a first bushing hole and a first bushing axis, being sized for press fit receipt in the first frame hole, and being sized to rotatably coaxially receive a pin therein; a second bushing having a second bushing hole and a second bushing axis, being sized for axially non-rotating receipt in the second frame hole, and being sized to rotatably coaxially receive a pin therein; a pin having inboard and outboard ends and a pin axis, the pin sized to extend coaxially through the first and second bushing holes; a connector connected to the outboard end of the pin and for connecting the pin to the second frame member and holding the pin against horizontal movement relative to the second frame member and for providing a stop for limiting movement of the second bushing toward the outboard end of the pin; and, a retention member connected proximal to the inboard end of the pin and limiting movement of the bushings inwardly of the retention member.